

## Faribault Area Chamber

## of Commerce and Tourism

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June 12, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Secretary,

The Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism supports Qwest Communication's entry into the interLATA long-distance service market in Minnesota. As a business organization, we support increased competition and broader consumer choices in the telecommunications marketplace. We believe this will serve the general public and business customers in Minnesota not only by increasing long distance options, but also by increasing investment in a broad range of other telecommunications services.

The Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism represents nearly 500 member firms. First-class, competitive telecommunications services are absolutely essential to the economic success of these firms and for the prosperity of the entire state.

We urge the Federal Communications Commission to approve Qwest's application to provide long distance to Minnesota.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Senator Mark Dayton

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Senator Norm Coleman

Rep. John Kline

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